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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE APPLICATION
OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN FORESTRY AND FOREST
INDUSTRIES

SUMMARY: ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSING DOLS 90,000 CONTRIBUTION

OUT OF TOTAL COST DOLS 131,900 TO PROPOSED REGIONAL SEMINAR ON APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN FORESTRY AND FOREST INDUSTRIES. THE SEMINAR WILL BRING TOGETHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF FORESTRY ORGANIZATIONS IN DMCS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT, LOGGING AND WOOD PROCESSING TO EXAMINE, ANALYZE AND DISCUSS VARIOUS TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, MANAGERIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN FORESTRY AND FOREST INDUSTRIES. SEMINAR WOULD BE HELD IN PHILIPPINES. USADB FEELS THIS IS TYPE OF SEMINAR THAT SHOULD BE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND FAVORABLE NAC ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. ADB DOC R41-78 POUCHED MAY 25. BOARD CONSIDERATION SCHEDULED JUNE 13.

2. OBJECTIVES OF SEMINAR ARE: (I) DISSEMINATE RESEARCH FINDINGS AND EXPERIENCE DATA ON ASPECTS OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN FORESTRY AND FOREST INDUSTRIES TO PARTICIPANTS FROM DMCS BY MEANS OF LECTURES, BACKGROUND PAPERS, TECHNICAL BROCHURES AND PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND FIELD TRIPS; (II) EXAMINE HOW VARIOUS FACTORS SUCH AS LABOR SUPPLY, COSTS, OPERATIONAL SCALE, TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND ENGINEERING DESIGN MAY AFFECT WHAT IS APPROPRIATE IN FORESTRY AND WOOD PROCESSING; (III) ANALYZE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS -- WHETHER INSTITUTIONAL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANAGERIAL OR TECHNICAL -- TO THE FULLER APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN FORESTRY AND THE WOOD-USING INDUSTRIES; (IV) ANALYZE EMPLOYMENT IMPLICATIONS OF THE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND WORKING METHODS IN FORESTRY AND THE WOOD INDUSTRIES; AND (V) ASSESS THE ROLE OF TRAINING IN FURTHERING THE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY.

3. THE SEMINAR WILL LAST TEN DAYS AND WILL BE ORGANIZED AS A WORKSHOP IN THREE PHASES: THE FIRST OF THESE WILL BE THE PRESENTATION OF RESOURCE PAPERS ON THE SEMINAR TOPICS AND THEIR INITIAL DISCUSSION DURING A THREE-DAY PERIOD IN MANILA. THE SECOND PHASE WILL BE A FIELD TRIP OF FIVE DAYS DURATION TO MINDANAO; IT WILL COMPRISE VISITS TO PLANTATIONS, LOGGING SITES AND PROCESSING FACILITIES AND PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT. THE LAST PHASE OF TWO DAYS, AGAIN TO BE HELD IN MANILA, WILL COVER PRESENTATION OF PAPERS ON ASSESSMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF TECHNOLOGIES AND FINAL DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION OF SEMINAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. THE SEMINAR WILL BE ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY THE BANK AND

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO); FINANCING
WILL LARGELY BE PROVIDED BY THE BANK AND FINNISH DEPART-
MENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (FINNIDA).
THE PHILIPPINE BUREAU OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT (BFD) AND THE
PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF WOOD INDUSTRIES WILL PROVIDE SOME
PRESENTATIONS AS WELL AS MAKE LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
TRIP TO MINDANAO. THE STAFF OF THE SEMINAR WILL COMPRISE
TWO CO-DIRECTORS (ONE FROM THE BANK, THE OTHER FROM ILO),
A TECHNICAL COORDINATOR (THE BANK) AND FIVE MODERATORS AS
DISCUSSION LEADERS. TWO OF THE LATTER WILL BE PROVIDED
BY ILO/FINNIDA, ONE BY BFD, AND THE OTHER TWO WILL BE BANK
STAFF. THE MODERATORS WILL PREPARE AND PRESENT CONCERNED

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RESOURCE PAPERS AND GUIDE THE DISCUSSIONS ON THEIR
RESPECTIVE TOPICS.

5. ALL DMCS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR AND THE
BANK WOULD FINANCE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS OF ONE SENIOR
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT/PLANNING OF FORESTRY
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AND WOOD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION TO PARTICI-
PANTS FROM DMCS, APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES --
IBRD, FAO AND UNIDO -- WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AS
OBSERVERS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS
IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 30.

6. THE TOTAL COST OF THE SEMINAR IS ESTIMATED AT DOLS
131,900 EQUIVALENT, WITH THE BANK'S CONTRIBUTION AT ABOUT
DOLS 90,000 AND THAT OF ILO/FINNIDA AT DOLS 41,900
EQUIVALENT. THE BANK'S CONTRIBUTION WILL COVER: ITEM
SEMINAR STAFF IN PART (THREE MODERATORS WHILE IN THE
PHILIPPINES; I.E. CONSULTANT FEES, PER DIEM, LOCAL TRAVEL);
ITEMS DMC PARTICIPANTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; PLUS A
SHARE OF CONTINGENCIES. ILO/FINNIDA WILL FINANCE: ITEM
SEMINAR PREPARATION; THE REST OF ITEM SEMINAR STAFF
(INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR THE THREE MODERATORS); ITEM
TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT PLUS A SHARE OF CONTINGENCIES. COST OF
SEMINAR DOCUMENTATION FOR WHICH THE BANK IS RESPONSIBLE
HAVE NOT BEEN CHARGED TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS THEIR
PREPARATION IS ALREADY PROCEEDING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
BANK'S GENERAL FORESTRY ACTIVITIES AND ALL REQUIRED ADJUST-
MENT AND PRESENTATION WILL BE DONE BY BANK STAFF.

7. USADB COMMENT. BELIEVES BANK SHOULD BE COMPLIMENTED
FOR SPONSORING THIS TYPE OF REGIONAL SEMINAR AND SHOULD BE
URGED TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE TRAINING ACTIVI-
TIES THAT HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY. USADB
RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NAC ACTION.

8. REQUEST AMEMBASSIES IN DMCS COMMENTS FOR NAC AGENCIES,
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